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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Blue Granite Water Company's Request for Approval of Wastewater Agreements **Docket No. 2021-35-S** 

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and recommends approval of the filing submitted by Blue Granite Water Company ("BGWC" or the "Company") for Request for Approval of Wastewater Agreement ("Agreement") between BGWC and Shoals Landing, LLC ("Shoals Landing").

The Agreement is related to approximately 21.81 acres (Tax Parcel No. R03209-01-62) located in Richland County and 36.68 acres (Tax Parcel No. 001800-01-004), located in Lexington County off Irmo Drive, Irmo, South Carolina 29212 (the "Property"). BGWC contends that such approval without notice or hearing is appropriate in this case. According to the Company, the Agreement relates only to wastewater facilities and wastewater distribution facilities to serve the Property (i.e., it does not include water facilities).

Per the Agreement, the Property is projected to ultimately consist of one hundred and sixty (160) single family homes having an estimated daily wastewater usage of 48,000 gpd when completed. The developer desires to develop the property in an undetermined number of phases. The current Agreement is limited to Phase 1B consisting of thirty-five (35) lots, having an estimated daily wastewater usage of 10,500 gpd when completed. Shoals Landing desires BGWC to provide wastewater utility service within the Property and BGWC desires to provide wastewater utility service according to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

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A Satellite Sewer Agreement ("SSA") exists between BGWC¹ and the City of Columbia, South Carolina ("City"), which was fully executed as of July 30, 2018, and was approved by the Commission through Order No. 2018-682 in Docket No. 2018-256-S. The SSA establishes the terms and conditions under which the City provides wastewater treatment services to BGWC at the Metro WWTP. The SSA also establishes a Capacity Assurance Program ("CAP"). The CAP requires BGWC to obtain approval from the City before adding new connections, whether from new or existing customers, after the Effective Date. BGWC provided documentation to ORS in which the Company and City confirmed that the CAP only applies to developments for which the permit to construct was issued after the SSA was executed. Because DHEC issued the construction permit for the Shoals Landing Subdivision on March 21, 2016, which was prior to the execution date of the SSA, separate City approval is not required in this immediate docket.

The Agreement was executed on November 30, 2020, and filed with the Commission on January 29, 2021. ORS reviewed this Agreement and determined that this filing complies with S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-541.

Sincerely,

s/ Andrew M. Bateman

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)

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<sup>1</sup> Previously known as Carolina Water Service, Inc. and referred to as such in the Satellite Service Agreement.